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For: **Water Treatment Method Using an** )  
 **Inorganic Powder Reagent with High** )  
 **Specific Surface Area Including a Step** )  
 **of Recycling Said Reagent** )  
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Attorney Docket No. 4195-021 )

Raleigh, North Carolina  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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